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1. Met with [redacted] FI Plans, together with representatives of OSI and [redacted] to discuss the procedure for approval of projects initiated by the Scientific Detachment, Germany. It was agreed that such projects should be routed directly to OSI upon receipt by EE for review and approval by the DD/I. FI concurrence will be secured when the project involves operational matters. It was pointed out that the financing of such projects would not involve FI funds but rather was provided for in the allotment included in the EE Budget for expenses of the Scientific Detachment. I plan to call a meeting at an early date with representatives of OSI and the EE Budget Office to establish a separate allotment account for the Scientific Division and to develop appropriate instructions for the EE financial officer [redacted] for control of funds made available to this account. OSI will develop for review an operational project which would authorize the expenditure of funds from the account under specific conditions. This would obviate the necessity of individual projects involving very small amounts having to be submitted separately to headquarters for DD/I approval.

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2. Attended meeting called by [redacted] IG Staff, attended by representatives from DD/A and DD/P, to develop policies and procedures governing the Project Review Committee. This was the second of a series of meetings involving the drafting into a single Agency Regulation the present notices, memoranda, and other issuances outlining the PRC process.

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3. Attended a meeting held by [redacted] with representatives of the State Department to discuss State's opposition to the plan reflected in the 1955 Budget of transferring the production of Chapter 6 of NIS on the Soviet Bloc to ORR. This will result in a reduction of about \$70,000 in the NIS allocation to State next fiscal year. (Mr. Amory had advised me prior to his departure that State would probably question the transfer and indicated that, although he was agreeable to allowing State \$10,000 to \$12,000 to retain a few individuals in connection with the activity, that he felt strongly that ORR should absorb the production of these NIS sections, the chief one involving trade and finance.) [redacted] proposed at the meeting that although actual production of the chapters should be performed by ORR that provision should be made for State to review the production from the political standpoint and that some part of the funds should be retained by State for this purpose. The State representatives agreed to study this proposal and advise [redacted]. Although State was anxious to have the matter taken up by the NIS Committee and referred to the IAC for disposition, it was agreed that such action would not be taken until there had been further efforts to solve the issue by CIA and State.

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